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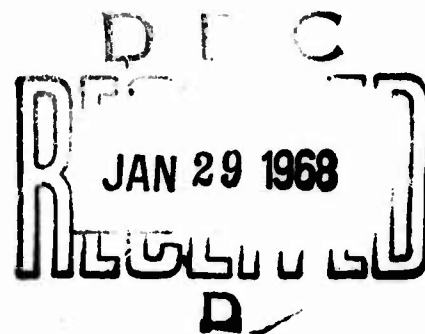
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SECTION I Significant Organizational Activities

1. (U) General:

a. The 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion, from 1 May through 31 July 1967 (with the assets of eight aviation companies), continued its support of combat operations to US Forces, Free World Military Assistance Forces, and ARVN Forces. During this reporting period there was continued improvement of facilities at Battalion Headquarters. Construction of a new Battalion Headquarters building on the east side of Qui Nhon Army Airfield is being accomplished through the self help improvement program. The new facilities, which will house all staff sections, will eliminate the present problem area of staff sections being widely separated on the airfield due to shortage of space. This arrangement will result in improved and closer staff coordination and eliminate loss of time and manpower due to travel time and distance to present staff locations. The newly designated area presently billets the battalion's officers and continued improvements are being accomplished and will continue throughout the next reporting period. The new battalion headquarters is nearing completion with a projected completion date of 12 August 1967.

b. (U) The Battalion published a Pocket Guide for Visual Reconnaissance (VR) and a Visual Reconnaissance Manual. Both of these publications were derived from experience gained in the past by the Reconnaissance Airplane Companies. The information was consolidated and published to be used as a guide in the conduct of visual reconnaissance missions. The pocket guides and manuals have been distributed to each Reconnaissance Airplane Company and an adequate number are being held by battalion in order that they can be distributed to each new aviator as he arrives in-country. The product was the result of much work on the part of representatives from the units and the Battalion S-3. Copies of the guides are attached as inclosure 1 & 2.

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c. (C) The 212th Combat Support Aviation Battalion advance party arrived in RVN on 24 July 1967. The advance party was followed by the main body which arrived in Da Nang on 30 July 1967. The advance party, after being briefed by the 17th Group and then 223d Aviation Battalion, proceeded to its operational site at Marble Mountain Marine Air Facility in Da Nang. The Battalion is composed of twenty three officers and eighty-six enlisted men. Once the battalion becomes operational it will inherit control of the 282d Aviation Company, 220th Aviation Company, and the 131st Aviation Company, which at the present time are part of the 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion. A request for a construction directive for the 212th Combat Aviation Battalion was initiated by the Da Nang Sub Area Command during April 1967, but was not returned prior to the unit's arrival in country. The inability to secure a construction directive prior to the arrival of the unit caused a delay in the initiation of the unit's building program. It is felt a construction directive should be requested and approved before the unit's arrival in country in order to facilitate the start of construction at the earliest date possible.

d. (C) The 220th Reconnaissance Aviation Company saw enemy activity substantially increased in the I Corps Area. A definite increase in intensity of fire against O-1 aircraft was seen with the employment of 37mm, 87mm, and SAM missiles near the DMZ. This action indicates the effectiveness of the O-1 aircraft since the North Vietnamese went to great lengths to keep these aircraft out of the DMZ as they moved new units in. Frequent and heavy bombardment of the Dong Ha Airfield necessitated temporary evacuation of the 4th platoon from that location during the period 4 July through 9 July 1967. Attacks by North Vietnamese regulars in the Quang Tri Province were characterized by artillery fired from the vicinity of the DMZ, use of 120mm and 140mm rockets, frequent mortar attacks against Gia Linh and Con Thien, and "human wave" attacks against US Marine forces south of the DMZ. The MACV compound in Hue withstood two mortar attacks early in the quarter, however, no injuries were sustained by the personnel of the 220th. On 14 July, the Da Nang Main Airfield suffered extensive damage from a rocket attack. These events mark the more significant indications of stepped-up enemy activity in the I Corps Area and demonstrated his capability to attack at his own choosing, time, and place. The 220th Aviation Company, during the reporting period, participated in thirty-six major Marine and ARVN Operations.

Extensive improvements to the company headquarters compound at Hue Phu Bai were completed or initiated during the period. The unit mess and recreation facilities were renovated and extended, bunkers within the compound have been reconstructed and consist of the underground with overhead cover type. The aircraft revetment program is ninety percent complete. A series of articles were written by Mr. Charlie Black of the Columbus Georgia Enquirer about the 220th Aviation Company.

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These articles were published by several other syndicated newspapers and told the story of the unit's actions and contributions in the Asau Valley, and of actions with the Marines. On 28 June 1967, Colonel Gust, Deputy Brigade Commander, 1st Aviation Brigade, visited the 220th Aviation Company. He was very impressed with the unit's combat observation and operational capability.

e. (C) During the past quarter, the 219th Reconnaissance Airplane Company continued its mission of visual reconnaissance of the northern half of the II Corps Area. In conjunction with the mission, the company supported such operations as the 4th Division's "Francis Marion", the 173d Airborne Brigade's "Operation Greeley" and the 5th Special Forces "Operation Omega". In addition, the company conducted a two-week AEVN aerial observer school and a one week aerial observer school for the 4th Infantry Division. A test and evaluation was made of the Decca navigation system installed in the O-1 Aircraft (See Section II, Commanders Observation and Recommendations).

f. (C) During this period, the 133d Reconnaissance Airplane Company continued to perform its visual reconnaissance mission for the entire southern half of the II Corp tactical zone. Elements of the company are permanently stationed at eight different locations in an area which encompasses some 24,000 square miles of jungle, mountains, and coastal plains. In addition to its normal mission this company has provided general support aircraft to the following:

(1) "Task Force Oregon": During the reporting period four aircraft were stationed at Chau Lai in support of this Task Force.

(2) U.S. Special Forces Recondo School at Nha Trang on an On-Call basis.

(3) U.S. Navy Coastal Surveillance Center for coastal observation between Tuy Hoa and Phan Thiet.

The Four airplane section in support of "Task Force Oregon" has increased appreciably the artillery Battalion's ratio of observed to non-observed fires.

Through the concentrated efforts of all members of the company, many improvements were made throughout the 133d company area to provide efficient working facilities, better security and more comfortable living conditions. Some of the improvements accomplished were construction of a unit day room, improvements in the mess hall and reveting of troop billets. A new aircraft parking ramp was completed during the month of July by the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion. Company Operations is now located in the only building on the ramp; however, in the near future a new aircraft maintenance hanger and technical supply building will be constructed on the ramp, thus increasing the efficiency of operations. The perimeter of defense of the 133d Company has been strengthened around the company contone-ment area with the assistance of the 18th Engineer Brigade. A double apron fence and guard tower were constructed, additional concertina wire emplaced and trip flares installed on the perimeter fence. Claymore mines have been requested for inclusion in the defense plan.

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g. (C) The 282d Aviation Company continued to provide helicopter support to the I Corps Advisory effort and combat operations conducted by the 1st and 2d ARVN Divisions. The unit presently keeps three UH-1D's at Quang Ngai under the operational control of the Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 2, and three UH-1D's at Hue Citadel under the operational control of the Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 3. The company minus is employed from Marble Mountain Marine Air Facility, Da Nang, in support of I Corps headquarters, and to augment the sections at Hue Citadel and Quang Ngai when necessary. The 282d Aviation Company participated in three search and destroy operations conducted by the 2d ARVN Division in Quang Ngai Province by airlifting the blocking forces. On 8 July 1967, the unit was scrambled to airlift a battalion from the 1st ARVN Division in Hue, RVN. The mission of the battalion was to attack a known NVA battalion located in the vicinity of Hue. The NVA battalion in withdrawing from its last defensive position made contact with the ARVN battalion in the PZ. The 282d gunships were brought to bear with excellent results on the disorganized enemy. Since the organization of the armed platoon in March 1967, considerable success has been achieved in combat operations with the 1st and 2d ARVN divisions. To date over three hundred confirmed enemy kills have been credited to the "Alley Cats" of the 282d Aviation Company.

h. (C) The 196th Aviation Company was relieved from assignment to the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion. The unit was attached to the 17th Combat Aviation Group for operations and to the 223d Combat Aviation Battalion for administration and personnel. On 25 April 1967, the unit was released from supporting the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and aircraft were reallocated. The unit then committed five aircraft to support the ARVN in the 1st Air Cavalry Division Area of operations, three aircraft to the Capital ROK Infantry Division, and one aircraft in general support of the coastal area. Again in July the aircraft commitment changed, making it necessary to base four aircraft in Pleiku in general support of the 52d Combat Aviation Battalion. One aircraft was allocated to the Capital ROK Infantry Division; one aircraft for support of ARVN, and three aircraft in general support of the coastal area. The 196th Aviation Company has provided support as far south as Saigon, North to Da Nang, West to Pleiku, and throughout the coastal area. The unit has supported the 1st Air Cavalry Division, the 101st Airborne Division, the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, the Capital ROK Infantry Division, the White Horse Infantry Division (ROK), and numerous other smaller tactical and support units. On 9 July 1967, the 196th Aviation Company participated in a Joint Korean Division Operation. Seven aircraft were committed and flew a total of 63.5 hours in support of the operation. During the course of the operation a total of 268 tons of cargo and 396 Combat Troops were transported. This operation was very effective as a result of the excellent cooperation among the Free World Forces.

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1. (C) The 131st Surveillance Aviation Company has continued working under the operational control of MACV J-2 for visual reconnaissance, side-looking airborne radar and infrared missions. The VR missions were flown in the Tigerhound/Steel Tiger South Area of Operations. A total of two hundred seventeen missions were requested with one hundred eighty-six of these flown. SLAR missions were flown in the Steel Tiger South, Rolling Thunder and Valley Ho areas of operations. There were eight hundred nine missions flown of nine hundred seventy-eight requested. During the entire reporting period, SLAR aircraft have flown "Tag-on" missions in the local area to provide intelligence to the Third Marine Division which is responsible for the security of the Phu Bai area. Any targets found in the local area by SLAR aircraft while they are enroute to their regular assigned missions are passed on to the Marines. There were forty-seven IR missions flown in the Steel Tiger South Area of one hundred thirteen requested. On 16 June 1967, IR mission requests were discontinued by MACV J-2. The rainy weather and low ceilings in the mission area at night precluded successful use of the infrared system. When the monsoon shifts this fall the IR missions should begin again.

During the reporting period there have been only two hits on VR aircraft compared to sixteen hits during the previous quarter. This reduction in number of hits has been accomplished by raising the normal reconnaissance altitude from 1500 feet to 2500 feet. Although some intelligence is lost due to this higher altitude it is not significant enough to off set the high rate of hits at lower altitudes. Whereas formerly missions were cancelled while aircraft battle damage was repaired, there have been no missions cancelled for this reason during the past quarter.

The AN/APR-25 and AN/APR-26 ECM equipment was installed on seven OV-1B's (SLAR). Use of this equipment has been successful both as a warning and intelligence gathering device. The two major problems experienced with this equipment has been the interference of the transponder, Tacan and SLAR System, and the fragility of the Rayclad (#D-132-06) Splices (See Section II, part I, para 6c). The transponder, Tacan and SLAR interference problems, caused by the blanking box, is being worked on by Grumman Aircraft Corporation. In lieu of the Rayclad Connectors, Betts Splices were used successfully; an EIR has been submitted. Communications with the Air Force and Navy, has been a major problem area. The mission implementing instructions, SAM OB and daily code word list has continually arrived late. The information needed for each day's operation has mostly been obtained by calling TACC, Da Nang. Since the information must be encoded over the phone and then decoded again there is much time lost. Some information needed is so lengthy and/or classified it cannot be obtained over the phone. Often there is insufficient time for mission planning. The importance of obtaining current SA-2 (Surface to Air Missile) OB can be readily realized.

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Outgoing intelligence is hampered in the same manner. At the earliest, intelligence information is received by the user elements in Saigon two days after the message is initiated in Phu Bai. Usually it takes four to five days and many times over a week for intelligence messages to reach the agencies in Saigon.

A half-duplex, sole-user teletype line from the unit to the Long Binh Communications Center near Saigon has been installed and is fully operational. However, a half-duplex circuit cannot handle the large amount of traffic that is required of this unit. A request for a full-duplex circuit upgraded to one hundred wpm is being submitted to solve the communications problem.

j. (C) The 225th Surveillance Aviation Company which became operational on 19 June 1967, has begun making a significant contribution to the overall intelligence collection in RVN. Through the direction of 1st Field Force Vietnam G-2, the unit has flown two hundred thirty eight sorties and four hundred eighty-seven hours since becoming operational. The company, which arrived in country on 28 April 1967, is permanently located at Phu Hiep. At the present time, an extensive building program is underway to complete the contonement area and aircraft facilities.

k. (C) The 18th Aviation Company (Air MBL FW) continued to support all corp areas in RVN and MAAG THAI, Thailand, with two flight platoons located at Da Nang and Pleiku, one provisional flight platoon at Nha Trang and one located at Qui Nhon. The primary emphasis has been on aircraft maintenance. The maintenance has steadily improved and the average availability of aircraft has been eighty-one percent. Secondary emphasis has been on building programs consisting of construction of an adequate BOQ for the company officers, complete remodeling of the mess hall and completion of a new bunker program. Completion of the BOQ's was accomplished on 10 June 1967. The remodeling of the mess hall, which serves not only the 18th Aviation Company, but also HMD, 223d Aviation Battalion, 256th Transportation Detachment, 163d Medical Detachment and attached members of the 125th ATC, is still underway with notable progress. The defensive posture of the company has been greatly improved with the completion of the bunker program.

The company during this period flew a total of seventy-five days in support of Project Delta, supported JUSPAO in the "OPEN ARMS" program with daily leaflet drops, and also flew in support of operation Induce with no known results at this time. This flying support is in addition to the units normal mission.

l. (C) The 185th Reconnaissance Airplane Company arrived in the Republic of Vietnam by surface vessel at Cam Ranh Bay on 29 June 1967. The unit was preceded by the advance party which arrived by air carrier at Bien Hoa on 23 June 1967. It's aircraft were transported by surface vessel which arrived at Vung Tau on 20 June 1967. The aircraft were immediately off loaded and the task of reassembling was completed on 12 July 1967. The aircraft were then ferried to the company's staging area located at Dong Ba Thin.

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The advance party and main body were welcomed in-country by the 223d Combat Aviation Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel John M. Richardson. On 26 June 1967 LTC Richardson transported the advance party to Dong Ba Thin, which had been obtained by the 223d Battalion as a staging area for the 185th pending complete closure of the unit in-country. The staging at Dong Ba Thin consisted of drawing items of supply, establishing unit support accounts, assembly and organization of the unit's organic vehicles and the securing of two hundred thirty (230) tons of VABTOC and TO&E equipment which arrived aboard the Baylor Victory.

A comprehensive in-country flight check and proficiency firing of 2.75" rockets for all aviators was conducted and supervised by instructor pilots from the 183d Reconnaissance Airplane Company in accordance with prescribed visual reconnaissance training techniques and procedures.

The movement of the unit to its permanent location at Ban Me Thout encountered several unforeseen delays due to the inability to acquire a convoy security force. Construction of the cantonment area fell behind the projected time schedule due to weather and movement delays of essential material and supplies which had to be transported to Ban Me Thout by air. As this reporting period ended, the 185th Reconnaissance Airplane Company closed into its in-country location and no future delays in attaining operational status are anticipated.

2. (C) Intelligence and Counter Intelligence

a. Visual Reconnaissance sightings continue to be the main source of raw intelligence data in the two Corps zones covered. Repetitive observation of an area by the same pilot/observer team continues to be the most productive VR concept. During the quarter, the Reconnaissance Airplane units of the II Corps accounted for 65-70% of the total information collection efforts. Further, approximately 50% of all targets engaged by artillery or air strikes were initially discovered through visual reconnaissance efforts. The slightly lower visual reconnaissance percentages are attributed to the DEROS problem: loss of experienced aviators being replaced by new aviators. It is anticipated that the new arrivals as they gain experience will produce visual reconnaissance results equal to or better than past results.

b. Continued emphasis has been placed on the requirement of furnishing qualified aerial observers for the Reconnaissance Airplane Companies. The value of this requirement is appreciated throughout II Corps with a renewed emphasis in the south and provinces. The northern provinces recently completed training for several observers.

c. The Battalion is continuing to encounter difficulty with personnel assigned to positions requiring security clearances but arriving in-country without records in their possession. The problem is greatly magnified when the individual is released to the Aviation Companies due to great distances involved between battalion headquarters and the companies.

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d. Numerous air crew members are arriving in country without required photographs. Once the individual is assigned to a company it is most difficult due to distance and lack of time when utilizing borrowed equipment. Photographic equipment has been requisitioned, though not received. This discrepancy has been brought to the attention of higher headquarters.

3. (C) Operations and Training Activities:

a. Plans: None

b. Operations: The 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion flew a total of 46, 617 sorties and 32,157 hours in support of operations in Vietnam from 1 May - 31 July 1967. The O-1 companies flew 13,719 sorties and a total of 18, 153 hours in support of visual reconnaissance program in the I & II Corps tactical zones. Battalion OV-1 aircraft flew 1,472 sorties and 3,377 hours in support of J-2 MACV. Also during this period a total of 75,592 passengers were air lifted.

c. Training: 210 hours of mandatory training were conducted covering subjects required by Battalion TC 350-1. This training is conducted at company, platoon or sector level as necessitated by tactical deployment.

4. (U) Logistics: (See Section II, Part I, Para 5, Logistics).

5. (U) Civil Affairs: None

6. (C) Personnel

a. During the reporting period the battalion suffered twenty-five (25) casualties which resulted in four (4) fatalities.

b. Command Changes

(1) Major Arthur Dimsdale assumed command of the 196th Aviation Company vice Major James E. Martin on 20 June 1967.

(2) Major Ralph L. Godwin relinquished command of the 183d Reconnaissance Aviation Company to Major William R. Benoit on 18 June 1967.

(3) On 25 June 1967 Major James A. Hay assumed command of the 131st Surveillance Airplane Company from Major A.A. Manieri.

c. Major William F. Sullivan of the 232d Aviation Company received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service as Company Commander.

d. The following is a list of authorized and assigned strength of the 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion on 31 July 1967.

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AS OF 31 JULY 1967

AVGDD-DP

Authorized & Assigned Strength Report

Commanding Officer
228th Avn Bn

Personnel

3 Aug 67

HHD	OFF 15	AUTH		TOTAL 109	OFF 16	ASG		TOTAL 126	PRESENT FOR DUTY			
		WO 2	EM 86			WO 2	EM 108		OFF 15	WO 2	EM 102	TOTAL 119
18th	15	38	120	174	14	16	97	127	10	16	87	113
256th	1	1	50	52	1	0	37	38	1	0	31	32
163d	1	0	9	10	1	0	10	11	1	0	10	11
183d	32	1	95	128	21	3	98	122	21	3	96	120
219th	41	1	114	156	23	7	103	133	23	7	98	128
131st	37	3	256	296	25	1	259	285	23	1	227	251
220th	41	1	114	156	18	6	83	107	17	6	78	101
231st	1	0	9	10	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7
134th	1	0	9	10	2	0	10	12	2	0	10	12
343d	3	0	26	29	3	0	24	27	3	0	23	26
196th	13	25	148	186	10	12	142	164	10	10	134	154
610th	1	1	80	82	1	1	64	66	1	1	62	64
546th	1	0	8	9	1	0	8	9	1	0	8	9
282nd	15	52	152	219	11	44	157	212	11	43	147	201
484th	1	1	70	72	1	1	61	63	1	1	60	62
504th	0	1	8	9	0	1	7	8	0	1	7	8
519th	1	0	8	9	1	0	8	9	1	0	8	9
225th	12	15	181	208	20	0	191	211	19	0	185	204
821st	0	1	17	18	1	0	16	17	1	0	15	16
589th	1	1	38	40	1	1	38	40	1	1	38	40
135th	32	1	95	128	20	1	83	104	20	1	82	103
TOTAL:	272	145	1692	2109	189	96	1611	1896	182	93	1515	1790

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AWARDS RECOMMENDED AND AWARDED FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1967.

AWARD	MAY		JUNE		JULY		TOTAL	
	REC	- AWD	REC	- AWD	REC	- AWD	REC	- AWD
SILVER STAR	5	1	2	1	0	2	7	4
LEGION OF MERIT	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
DIST. FLYING CROSS	4	2	4	1	9	21	17	24
SOLDIER'S MEDAL	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
BRONZE STAR (Ser)	36	28	13	22	30	29	79	79
BRONZE STAR (Ach)	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3
BRONZE STAR (Val)	3	12	0	2	0	1	3	15
AIR MEDAL	79	22	33	48	92	42	204	112
AM (CLUSTERS)	310	132	209	253	548	235	1067	620
AIR MEDAL (Val)	5	7	13	1	6	17	24	25
ARCOM (Ser)	32	22	16	19	35	47	83	88
ARCOM (Ach)	7	0	7	7	5	10	19	17
ARCOM (Val)	22	0	6	9	1	19	29	28
PURPLE HEART	3	1	1	3	1	3	5	7
TOTAL:	198	229	305	366	729	430	1542	1025

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Lieutenant Lloyd T. Rugge, 220th RAC was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for valor while flying an O-1 visual reconnaissance mission near Duc Pho, 26 Jan 67. On arrival over a friendly unit which was pinned down by sniper fire, Lieutenant Rugge saw Viet Cong firing from a trench which he attacked with rockets because of the urgent request of the ground unit. On his second dive at the hostile position the aircraft was hit and crash landed. While trying to escape from the wreckage he was fatally wounded by the Viet Cong.

Captain Joseph H. Hodges and SSG Roger M. Putnam both from the 220th Reconnaissance Aviation Company received Silver Stars for valor while flying near Hoi An on 6 April 1967. Upon hearing a call from another Army O-1 pilot requesting help in breaking up a Viet Cong ambush they diverted to the scene in their O-1 which was mounted with an experimental window mounted M-60 Machine Gun. Once over the target they made five (5) strafing runs on the well dug-in ambush site before the Viet Cong began to break and run. Positive results of this action were seventeen confirmed killed, 25 probable killed, and many friendly lives saved.

7. (U) Signal

a. Communications with subordinate units of this battalion continues to be a major problem area. A great number of man-hours are wasted each day by personnel of all staff sections attempting to place long distance calls to elements of this battalion located throughout I and II Corps tactical zones. The single long range radio organic to this battalion, an AN/GRC-46 which has an operating range of only 43 nautical miles, is of no practical value. Three ARC-102 SSB HF radios designed for airborne use have been procured from salvaged aircraft, modified for ground use, and utilized to supplement the telephone communications. Although this has greatly increased this battalions ability to communicate with subordinate units as well as higher headquarters it is not a satisfactory solution. Improvised modifications to adapt this radio for ground use makes repairs extremely difficult.

b. The teletype writer Set AN/VSC-2, which has as a component part the AN/GRC-106 SSB HF radio, is scheduled to be issued in the near future to this battalion in limited quantity. It is not anticipated that this radio will greatly improve the communications situation as it has exactly the same characteristics and capabilities as the AN/GRC-46, less the shelter.

c. During this reporting period the Battalion Communication Section has continued to operate a battalion switchboard to supplement the Qui Nhon Local Telephone System because of inadequate telephone service. This switchboard services forty (40) subscribers within the battalion headquarters providing them with access to the Qui Nhon Local, direct long distance service, and hot line communications to 17th Aviation Group Headquarters at Nha Trang and the 131st Aviation Company at Hue Phu Bai.

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SECTION II Commander's Observation and Recommendations.

Part I: Observations (Lessons Learned)

1. Personnel: None

2. (C) Operations

a. (C) Item: Use of Airstrikes and Artillery

Discussion: Many times when conducting a series of airstrikes on the same target there is a delay between flights allowing the enemy an opportunity to move or regroup during the lull in firing.

Observation: The Army Aviator can initially call in artillery, adjust onto the target, then stop the shelling while the aircraft drops his ordnance. As the close air support departs the area, the artillery can again be called in until the next aircraft is on station. This would insure constant coverage of the target and discourage enemy movement.

b. (C) Item: Use of Radar Vector Bombing

Discussion: Ground concentrations of enemy anti-aircraft weapons often prohibit FAC aircraft from operating in close proximity to air strike targets.

Observation: By giving the attack jet aircraft the frequency of counter mortar radar, the jet can be vectored over target and controlled by the ground radar team with excellent results.

c. Item (C): Use of Specific Run in headings for Airstrikes.

Discussion: It has been noted that in some instances airstrike aircraft take more hits when the airborne controller has broadcast the run in heading desired. By broadcasting this information over the air the enemy, if on the control frequency, can shift all their fire power toward one specific direction.

Observation: When the situation will permit, the strike pilot should select his own run in heading, thereby preventing the total massing of enemy fire power toward his initial strike direction.

d. (C) Item: Use of delayed Artillery

Discussion: It has been found that during an artillery strike the enemy will seek cover in bunkers, etc., but that he will leave this sanctuary as soon as the observation aircraft leaves his area.

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Observation: After having conducted artillery fire on a fortified position and it is believed that in all probability there are still enemy left alive, the pilot will tell the artillery battery to load VT and hold for his command. The pilot then departs the area and after traveling about 3 - 5 miles the enemy will emerge from their positions. At this time the command to fire can be given and in all probability the enemy will be caught in the open, thereby suffering additional heavy casualties.

e. (C) Item: Defoliation

Discussion: During the months of May and June the 196th Aviation Company conducted several defoliation missions. A spray rig was developed and issued by 17th Combat Aviation Group.

Observation: A thorough reconnaissance of the area to be sprayed should be accomplished by both the supported and supporting units. Defoliants should be premixed and ready for loading as soon as the aircraft reaches the staging area. For best coverage the aircraft should be flown at 30 to 40 knots indicated airspeed and 50 to 75 feet above the trees. Gunship support should be readily available or on call.

f. (C) Item: Star Light Scope

Discussion: A small scale feasibility study was conducted by the 133d Reconnaissance Airplane Company to investigate the capabilities of the Starlight Scope when used in the O-1 Bird dog. The great number of daylight visual reconnaissance missions and the shortage of Aviators during the test period allowed for only seven, two hour, night VR missions during the full moon period in May. These missions were flown along the coast, over populated areas, and along mountain slopes.

Observation: The starlight scope is particularly effective along the coast line. The white sand reflects the available light, making it possible to distinguish small objects along the beach. It is possible to count the number of oarlocks on a rowboat from the altitude of 2500 feet. Monitoring movement along highways or in open terrain is relatively easy from the altitude of 2000 feet or below. Camp fires under the jungle canopy that can not be seen with the naked eye can be readily detected by use of the Starlight Scope. To accurately plot enemy activity at night the aviator and observer team must be intimately familiar with the terrain and plan the mission carefully. The use of the starlight scope and its night VR capabilities merit additional evaluation.

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g. (C) Item: Machine Gun, M-60, Wing Mounted

Discussion: During the reporting period the 133d Aviation Company mounted one M-60 machine gun under the wing of ten organic airplanes. An ammunition can with a 600 round capacity is used with this weapon system. The system works electrically and is fired by depressing the aviators trigger on the stick hand grip.

Observation: Aviators of the 133d Aviation Company have used this weapon to great advantage in the visual reconnaissance program. This machine gun system proved very effective and has the following uses:

- (1) Marking target at night utilizing tracer ammunition.
- (2) Marking target for close support helicopters during daylight operations.

h. (C) Item: Armored Seats O-1 Bird Dogs

Discussion: During the reporting period the 133d Aviation Company was equipped with the pilots seating area protected by armor plating. Though this armor provides protection against small arms fire, the increase in the airplane gross weight, and the interference caused by the seat side plates which prevent full aft left stick deflection, were considered to be justifiable reasons for removal of the seat side plates.

Observation: By removing the armored side plates 37 pounds of weight was removed providing modest improvement in airplane performance. The restriction of movement due to the side plates is suspected to be a contributing factor in one of the company's major accidents on an attempted crosswind take-off.

3. (C) Training & Organization

(C) Item: Aircraft Utilization

Discussion: Maximum utilization of the company's organic O-1 airplanes is not being realized. The airplanes could be flown at least twice the number of hours per month than they presently are being flown, if additional aviators were assigned. For example, the USAF PAC O-1 airplanes are being flown approximately ten (10) hours per day compared to our four (4) to five (5) hours a day. As the number of O-1 Airplanes in Vietnam decreases it may be necessary that each airplane be required to increase its flying time to afford the same coverage in the visual reconnaissance program. At present, the airplanes are being flown according to the aviators physical limitations rather than within the mechanical limitations of the airplane. Even though there are some repair items which prolong down time on airplanes the normal repair parts are readily available and repair crew well equipped and trained.

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Observation: Assignment of two (2) aviators per airplane could provide twice the visual reconnaissance capability of the unit with virtually no increase in assigned aircraft. Modest increases in support personnel and equipment would be required. The assignment of additional aviators would enhance the utilization of the Birdog aircraft.

4. (U) Intelligence: None

5. (U) Logistics

a. (U) Item: Procurement of Slings for ROK units.

Discussion: The Capital ROK Infantry Division was lacking in the proper sling material for the 196th to effectively accomplish its mission of resupply. Consequently, through direct coordination with the USA Depot, Qui Nhon, the necessary sling equipment was made available to the ROK's for issue.

Observation: The proper sling material must be available at the supported unit for a CH-47 helicopter company to effectively perform its mission.

b. (U) Item: Issue and Turn-In of Aircraft

Discussion: The 196th Aviation Company arrived in-country with two OH-23 Aircraft. The two aircraft were turned in prior to unit arrival at base camp and a UH-1B was then issued. Shortly after this, the UH-1 was turned in and two OH-23's were issued.

Observation: The TO&E of this unit indicates two OH-23's as a portion of unit equipment. The LTOE shows two UH-1 aircraft in lieu of the OH-23's. If UH-1's are to be issued the TO&E should be changed to reflect this. This aircraft is utilized for liaison, reconnaissance, and as a maintenance aircraft to retrieve and issue parts to aircraft downed in locations other than their maintenance base. A UH-1 is preferable.

6. (U) Other

a. (U) Item: R & R flights out of Da Nang, RVN

Discussion: The quotas for R & R are given units in I Corps for flights departing Cam Ranh Bay. The requirement for personnel to travel to Cam Ranh Bay imposes a serious burden on the individual, the unit, and the transportation carrier. Personnel must be booked at least a week in advance with the USAF ATCO in order to assure getting them to Cam Ranh Bay on time. Further, personnel must depart a minimum of a day early to arrive at the R & R Center for processing. On the return trip, as many as three days are lost in trying to obtain a flight from Cam Ranh Bay to Da Nang. Another factor to consider is the tremendous increase in personnel making in-country flights. On occasions, members missed R and R flights because they were bumped off the in-country flights by other personnel with higher priorities.

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Observation: That R and R flights be scheduled out of Da Nang RVN. Scheduling members of the units in I Corps out of Da Nang would enhance the morale of those units, eliminate the in-country travel time, and preclude no-shows for flights.

b. (U) Item: AV/VRC-49

Discussion: The 220th Reconnaissance Airplane Company conducted a series of tests in an attempt to improve communications by selecting a better antenna for the AN/VRC-49.

Observation: During ground testing the AN/VRC-49 antenna was removed from the vehicle and placed on a 55 foot pole. This antenna, when used in conjunction with an antenna coupler, was far more effective than any other pole type antenna tested.

c. (U) Item: AN/APR-25 and AN/APR-26 installation (131st Aviation Company)

Discussion: AN/APR-25 & 26 wiring harness uses Rayclad #D-132-06 (2) connectors for splicing of wires. When installing the harness it was soon discovered that these splices did not hold. Several splices had to be respliced during installation. Problem continued after installation.

Observation: After broken splices were detected, Rayclad #D-132-06 (2) connectors were not used. Solder connections have proven more satisfactory.

d. (U) Item : Location of AN/APR-25 and AN/APR-26 (131st Aviation Company)

Discussion: The installation plan for the AN/APR-25 and 26, threat display panel, calls for it to be mounted under the pilots left eye-brow panel, and for the monitor scope to be mounted on the left instrument sun glare shield. The threat display panel and monitor scope were designed to be used simultaneously by the pilot so that he could determine type and location of threat. Under the present installation plan, monitoring of both instruments cannot be done satisfactorily.

Observation: The threat display panel could be re-located to a position on top of the instrument sun glare shield. This will allow the pilot to monitor both instruments at the same time. (See Incl 3).

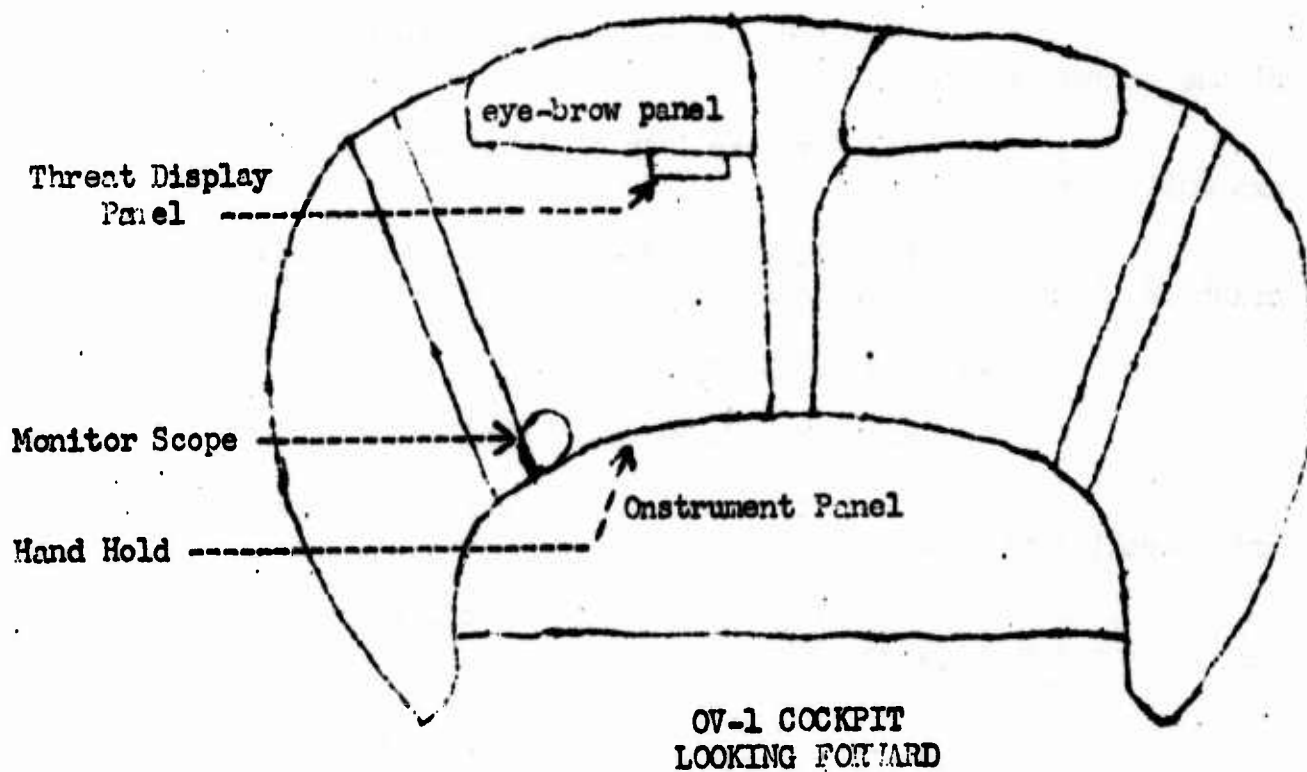
e. (C) Item: Emergency Communication

Discussion: Misuse of the guard channel continues to be a problem. Excessive conversation, not of an emergency nature, is common. Also, excessive testing and/or misuse of the SPX-44 emergency beeper is seriously affecting the advantages of the system. It is not uncommon on a flight to hear the beeper for periods of 60 to 90 seconds.

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Location of AN/APR-25 and AN/APR-26



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Observation: Continued misuse of emergency frequencies and equipment will eventually result in loss of life and equipment.

f. (C) Item: Testing of Decca Navigation System installed in O-1 aircraft.

Discussion:

1. Background - Decca was first tested in O-1 aircraft of the 219th Recon Afln Co in January 1967 for approximately eight hours with the following results:

(a) System was accurate and a great aid in pin-pointing positions over jungle terrain.

(b) A 0.4 error discovered in the transmission of the "green" station.

(c) Availability of latticed 1:50,000 maps was extremely low.

(d) Further testing was delayed due to the crash of aircraft with Decca system installed in February 1967.

2. Installation

(a) Components now installed:

(1) Antenna - on belly of aircraft behind anti - collision light.

(2) Meters - observers compartment, left side, mounted on bulkhead at station 61.31.

(3) Control Panel - observers compartment, right side, behind signal distribution panel.

(4) Receiver - in baggage compartment behind observer.

(5) Total weight of system - 37 lbs.

(b) Modifications required for installation:

(1) Antenna - Hole must be drilled in belly of aircraft, and additional mounts and brackets must be fabricated. Area around antenna must then be sealed.

(2) Meters - Holes must be drilled for mounting.

(3) Control Panel - Holes must be drilled for mounting and a mounting container fabricated.

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(4) Receiver - Platform must be fabricated and mounting holes drilled.

(5) Total Man-hours - Approximately 40 hours.

3. Testing

a. Testing period was from 13 June 1967 to 23 June 1967, with a total of 25 hours of flight testing.

b. Conditions under which tested and results:

- (1) Mountainous terrain - favorable
- (2) Flat, rolling terrain - favorable
- (3) Weather - Caused Delta meter to give ambiguous indication.

c. Methods of testing and results:

(1) On routine VR mission, pilot would instruct operator to take readings over prominent feature (ie, road junctions, stream junctions, etc.). Good results were obtained on approximately seventy (70) percent of the test flights.

(2) Readings were sent to a fire support base with a fire mission to test the systems used in artillery fire missions. First round "fire for effect" rounds were within 150-200 meters of target.

(3) Operator guided to points on the map, with reference only to latticed maps and Decca meters. These tests proved very satisfactory. An experienced operator can guide the pilot to a six digit grid coordinate.

Observation:

1. Advantages:

a. Very useful over jungle terrain where coordinates are difficult to determine.

b. The Decca system is not affected by mountains.

c. With the use of Decca, the aircraft remains at suspected or known enemy locations for a minimum amount of time. Once the Decca reading is taken over a target, the aircraft can continue away from the target area until artillery, helicopter gunships, or tactical air arrives. Previously, pilot had to gain altitude and remain in vicinity of the target to get coordinates, making the aircraft more vulnerable and warning the enemy.

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d. The rapidity of fixing target locations enhances the element of surprise.

2. Disadvantages:

a. Dependent upon his experience with the Decca, the observers attention to the meters and cross checking for proper operation of the system can detract from 25 to 50 percent of his actual Visual Reconnaissance. This imposes a greater requirement on the pilot for sighting targets.

b. The Decca "Delta" meter is affected by weather and will give ambiguous readings. Only by knowing his location on the map, can the observer second guess the meter.

c. In order to supply adequate power for zeroing prior to take-off, aircraft RPM must be at least 1500. This must be done in the take-off position, because once the RPM gets below 1500 and the aircraft is moving (as in taxing) the Decca gets out of zero, resulting in inaccurate readings. Meters can be re-zeroed in flight but this is a difficult operation.

d. In their present configuration, the meters are difficult to read accurately.

e. Consistently inaccurate readings (200 to 1000) were obtained in VR areas 3A and 1B (map sheets 6536 IV and 6537 III). It is suspected that the hand drawn lattice on these maps is incorrectly plotted. The majority of bad readings were obtained in these areas.

f. (U) Item: Wearing of Fire Proofed Flight Suits.

Discussion: On 10 May 1967, the 18th Aviation Company had an aircraft accident occur at Da Nang. As the aircraft struck the ground it burst into flames; the results being that one pilot suffered second and third degree burns and is presently still hospitalized. The other pilot suffered first and second degree burns and required sixty days hospitalization. Both pilots were wearing standard issue jungle fatigues with the sleeves rolled down and gloves on. This uniform gave absolutely no protection except for the skin area covered by gloves and boots.

Observation: Aviators should be allowed to fly in the standard issue flight suit to preclude such needless injury. The flight suit was designed and treated for the purpose of flight and should be utilized as such. Uniformity in the wearing of the Army uniforms should be regarded as secondary.

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g. (C) Item: Use of 18" lens for VR effectiveness (131st SA Company)

Discussion: To further increase the effectiveness of the VR's photographic capability the unit obtained an 18" lens cone to use in lieu of the 3" and 6" lens cones.

Observation: This has enabled photography of areas that were too hot for lower altitude photo runs and has aided in keeping the hit rate low.

h. (C) Item: Increased successfulness of SLAR mission (131st SA Company)

Discussion: The SLAR missions in the Tally Ho area have been highly successful during this reporting period in inflicting damage to vehicular movement, truck parks and storage areas.

Observation: A technique which has caused the increase in successful strikes is for the strike aircraft to be placed on the same radio frequency as the SLAR aircraft. Once the strike aircraft checks into the area, the Airborne Control Center turns him over to the SLAR aircraft for target description and location. Use of this method results in less time between the moment the targets are found by SLAR and the strikes on the target. Another advantage is that the SLAR pilot is able, to keep abreast of the latest activity in the area from the cockpit imagery readout and thus may inform the fighter aircraft of a more lucrative target. The substantial increase in bomb damage assessment has proven this method to be successful. Currently there are twenty five to thirty strikes conducted per week.

i. (C) Item: Use of VRS-4 Infrared System (131st AS Company)

Discussion: Use of infrared in cloudy or wet weather is hampered for two reasons. First, the low altitude required by the IR aircraft makes the flight extremely hazardous in mountainous terrain; this is compounded in poor weather. Secondly, wet weather (fog, showers, clouds) will screen out most or all infrared radiation before it can be detected by the IR sensor. A mission flown under those conditions is always unsuccessful and is a waste of aircraft and pilot assets.

Observation: Infrared missions should not be flown if the weather in the mission area is such that it impairs the capabilities of the infrared sensor.

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Part II Recommendations:

1. (C) Personnel: None

2. (C) Operations:

a. (C) Item: Reference Section II, Part I, Para 2 (I),
Starlight Scope.

Recommendations: That emphasis be placed on the use of the Starlight Scope and that the 183d Reconnaissance Airplane Company continue testing this device. Future testing should be to determine the ratio of significant sightings to the number of night flying hours. A comparison of this ratio to the daylight ratio should be indicative of the value of this system.

b. (C) Item: Reference Section II, Part I, Para 2 (L),
armored seats, O-1 Bird Dogs.

Recommendations: That O-1 Reconnaissance Companies not install side plates on armored seats because of the weight penalty and restriction of control travel.

3. (U) Training and Organization

a. (U) Item: Reference Section II, Part I, para 3 (a),
Aircraft Utilization.

Recommendation: That a study be conducted to determine the number of aviators to be assigned to an O-1 company to effect maximum utilization of its organic airplanes. If the ratio of aviators to airplanes were two to one, this would enable each airplane to be flown approximately eight hours per day and each aviator 120 hours per month. This would allow ample crew rest.

4. (U) Intelligence; None

5. (U) Logistics:

a. Reference Section II, Part I, para 5 (b), Issue & Turn-in of aircraft.

b. Recommendation: UH-1 Type helicopters should be issued to a medium helicopter company to be utilized as a liaison/reconnaissance and maintenance aircraft.

6. (U) Other

a. Item: Reference Section II, Part I, para 6, R & R Flights

Recommendation: That personnel of those units in I Corps be scheduled out of Da Nang for R & R Flights.

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b. Item: Reference Section III Part I, para 6 (d), Location of AN/APR-25 and AN/APR-26.

Recommendation: The threat display panel be moved to a position on top of the instrument sun glare shield.

c. Item: Reference Section II, Part I, para 6 (f), Testing of Decca Navigation System installed in O-1 aircraft.

Recommendation: 1) Reference disadvantage 4: Recommend either index marking needles be attached to meters so that the operator can mechanically track needles and use the index needle to mark meters when over a target, or, install digital meters which could be mechanically stopped by operator and show both Decca readings and six digit coordinates. 2) Reference disadvantage 5: Recommend the hand drawn lattice maps be inspected for accuracy. Possibly a machine plotted map would increase the accuracy. 3) Recommend plastic door over meters be removed. This has been accomplished on the aircraft used for this testing. ✓

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1st Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 Jul 67
UIC WDLKAAK, RCS CSFOR 65.

HEADQUARTERS, 17TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, APO 96240 25 Aug 67

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff For Force Development, Washington D.C. 20310

1. (U) The 225d CSAB Operational Report for Quarterly Period ending 31 Jul 67 is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

2. (U) This headquarters has reviewed this ORLL and concurs with the report as modified herein.

3. (C) Reference Section I. Significant organizational activities.

a. Reference para 7a, the reorganization of the 212th and 223d Aviation Battalions will decrease telephone communication problems to subordinate units. A sole-user telephone circuit has been approved between 223d Aviation Battalion and the 225th Aviation Company. It is programmed to be in service 25 Aug 67. The 223d CSAB can reach the 219th and 183d Aviation Companies through existing 17th Aviation Group sole-user circuits. Communication to the 185th Aviation Company will continue to be a problem area.

b. Reference para 7b. The AN/VSC-2 will increase the communication capability of the 223d Aviation Battalion when they are available. Distance capability listed in TM is very conservative.

4. (U) Reference Section II, Part I, para 6a. This Headquarters has requested R&R flights for that portion of the 17th Avn Gp stationed in the I Corps Zone. The original request was to commence in September 67, but to date the allocations are still scheduled for Cam Ranh Bay. Future requests for allocations out of Da Nang will be made.

5. (C) Reference Section II, Part II, para 2b. The problem should be met by modification of the side plates or of the control stick, not by doing away with protective equipment.

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HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350 14 Sep 1967

TO: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, APO 96307

Concur with the observations and recommendations of the basic document
as modified by the 1st Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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AVBA-C (12 Aug 67)

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SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 67
UIC WDLKAAK RCS CSFOR 65 (U)

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE, APO 96384

30 Sep 1967

THRU: Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-MH, APO 96375
Commander in Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-MH, APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Force Development, Department of the
Army (ACSFOR DA) Washington, D.C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed subject report of the 223rd
Combat Support Aviation Battalion, considers it to be adequate and con-
curs with the contents as indorsed.

2. (C) The following additional comments are considered to be pertinent:

a. Reference Sect I, Par 7b, pg 11: Non-concur. The AN/VRC-2
radio teletype, which uses the AN/GRC-106 HF/SSB radio, is much superior to
the AN/GRC-9, which was the basic AM radio set used in the AN/GRC-46. The
range of this set, using nominal ground wave propagation, is only about 50
miles. However, using sky wave propagation, the range is extended considerably.
This depends on the antenna and frequency.

b. Reference Sect II, Part I, par 2f, pg 13: Concur. The Army Concept
Team in Vietnam (ACTIV) continues to experiment with and evaluate night obser-
vation devices from the aerial platform. Improved night vision devices are
being evaluated by selected 1st Aviation Brigade units. Distribution of night
observation devices will be made available as they are approved and a BOI
established.

c. Reference Sect II, Part II, par 5, pg 22: Concur. MTOE action
has been initiated for all assault support helicopter companies. This MTOE
action will replace OH type helicopters with UH-1 type aircraft. It is manda-
tory that these aircraft be assigned to reduce the flying hours of CH-47's
devoted to administrative and maintenance missions. In addition, the CH-47
will be used to transport 4-6 man pathfinder and/or liaison teams and equipment
to assist supported unit in rigging of cargo. This headquarters recommends
favorable consideration of the requested MTOE.

d. Reference Sect II, Part II, par 6c, pg 23: Non-concur. Decometer
needle movement can be stopped simply by depressing the reset R knob and the
coordinates can be copied. The need for complex modifications is not deemed
appropriate at this time. Scale 1:50,000 latticed maps have been requested
by the USARV DECCA Project Office.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 July 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65) (U)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 2 NOV 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT,
APO 96558

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 July 1967 from Headquarters, 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion (DLKA) as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning testing Decca Navigation System, page 23, paragraph c and 3d Indorsement, paragraph 2d.

(1) Nonconcur with recommendation one concerning modification of Decometers. Needle movement can be stopped by depressing the reset knob to facilitate coordinate recording.

(2) Concur with recommendation two concerning the requirement for machine printed, scale 1:50,000, latticed maps. These maps have been requested by the Decca Project Officer.

(3) Nonconcur with recommendation three concerning the removal of the plastic door covering the Decometers. These sensitive instruments must be protected from dust and dirt in order to guarantee continued accurate functioning. Those covers that have been removed should be replaced without delay.

b. Reference item concerning wearing of the fire proofed flight suits, page 20, paragraph f. Concur in the requirement for flight clothing which provides protection in the event of fire. USARV Regulation 385-50 states that either fatigues or flight suits will be worn by flight crewmembers. The cited restrictions on the wearing of flight suits are command prerogatives exercised by commanders at headquarters other than USARV. Philadelphia Depot advises that 34,450 two piece Nomex flight suits are being prepared and will be shipped to RVN. Input starts in January 1968; above total will be completed in July 1968.

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c. Reference item concerning teletype set AN/VSC-2, page 11, paragraph 7b and 3d Indorsement, paragraph 2a. Concur in the comments made by the 1st Aviation Brigade in the 3d Indorsement. The capability of the new AN/VSC-2 is incorrectly stated by the 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion. The AN/GRC-106 HF/SSB radio, a component of the AN/VSC-2 is far superior to the AN/GRC-46 and should prove an excellent replacement of the existing equipment.

3. (U) Unit will be notified of actions and comments by routine indorsement which returns this report.

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from HQ, 223d Combat Support Aviation Battalion (UIC: WDLKAA)
(RCS CSFOR-65)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 5 DEC 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsements and concurs in the report as indorsed.

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